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WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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REMINDERS

School News for 8th graders: Hellgate HS student/parent night – February 9th at 6:30-8 pm

February 14th – Start of wrestling season

February 21st – No School – Presidents' Day

2022 Calendar Change – We DO have school on March 18th before spring break.

Attendance Hotline: 728-2400 ext. 2667



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Update

It's February and we are cruising through winter! We are only a couple weeks into third quarter. This a great time to start regularly checking Infinite Campus to ensure all student work is complete and to check grades.

We are thrilled to welcome a new member to the WMS family. Cassidy Panko is our new secretary. She has been a great addition to our team; we feel lucky to have her. She replaced Mrs. Terrie Shaw; Terrie retired, and we wish her the very best on her next adventure.

We continue to keep busy at WMS! As always, do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,
Kacie Laslovich
Principal
Washington Middle School
kllaslovich@mcpsmt.org

Mindful Minute

Each week students have the opportunity to practice a Mindful Minute during WIN. They hear some instruction around mindfulness and then as a class are given a minute or two to practice. Here is a sample lesson (below) and [video](#).

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qzv8DPrQcs1AaFtZv1fN1YIBZU9ZVs1eu7iMm9k63pQ/edit?usp=sharing>



Welcome Mr. Raymond Kingfisher

We are excited to welcome Mr. Kingfisher, our Native American Specialist, to Washington Middle School. He will be here to have lunch with students every Wednesday.

WMS Yearbook News

Buy your WMS Yearbook now! On sale for \$20 through March 31 (price increases to \$25 after that). Buy online at yearbookforever.com

8th Graders - we need your baby photo! Send to wmsyearbook99@gmail.com or use the Yearbook Snap app (downloaded to your device; use code: WMS). You can also bring a photo to your homeroom teacher.

A Message from our Family Resource Center

We have FREE Empower Packs available at WMS. These include non-perishable items to supplement a pantry at home for the weekend. Some items include macaroni and cheese, cereal, boxed meals, snacks, etc. Your students can get these from our Family Resource Center or families can pick them up from the office at any time. Please contact Shannon Ortt at sortt@mcpsmt.org if you have any questions.

Resources

Website: <https://www.mcpsmt.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4362>

Bus Information: <http://www.infofinder.com/ifi/?cid=MCPS4CVNG54XW>

Washington Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wmsmissoula/>





Congratulations to the following BPA members. They did so well at regionals that our team is headed to state in Billings in March.

Financial Literacy - Mattea G. - 3rd Place

Digital Citizenship - Mattea G. - 2nd Place; Amelia A. - 4th Place

Intro. To Word Processing - Amelia A. - 1st Place

Digital Game Design Team - 1st Place - Branden R.,

Jayne J., Samuel H., Elan T.

2nd Place - Shiloh F., Davis B., Clifford W., Kincaid F.

Graphic Design Promotion - Aiden M. - 1st Place

Intro. To Video Production -

2nd Place - Brynn I., Davis B., Kincaid F., Asha G.

3rd Place - Jayne J., Samuel H., Mattea G., Elan T.

Extemporaneous Speech -

Brynn I - 1st Place

Mari L - 2nd Place

Ruby H - 3rd Place

Asha G - 5th Place

Business Fundamental Concepts - Asha G - 1st Place

Computer Literacy Concepts - Shiloh F - 1st Place

Business Math Concepts -

Branden R - 2nd Place

Elan T - 3rd Place

Wrestling

Wrestling season begins February 14th and will run to April 8th. This is a no weight class, no cut sport, open to ALL Washington students. All practices and competitions will be Monday through Friday (no travel!). 6th graders will only compete with 6th graders, and girls only compete against girls. There is a \$25 participation fee and \$5 white fee. Contact Coach Ben Sivertsen at bosivertsen@mcpsmt.org for further details.

WMS Library

The WMS library is seeking book donations for a Book Swap to be held this spring. Throughout the year, students earn Positively Extreme tickets for modeling Safe, Responsible, and Respectful behavior. They can use these tickets to "buy" books from the Book Swap. Donations of your gently used books can be brought to the WMS library. Contact Ms. Lipke blipke@mcpsmt.org or Mrs. Hossack jkhossack@mcpsmt.org with questions.

The Battle of the Books is back! WMS students have formed more than 20 teams to participate in our school Battle of the Books (BOB) on February 24. Teams are responsible for reading and answering questions about 11 award-winning books. BOB practice is in full swing; students can utilize the library during lunchtime to read and quiz each other. The top-scoring teams will qualify to compete against the other MCPS middle schools in March.





Dear Parents and Grandparents,

You can make a difference in your child's experience at Washington Middle School while shopping at Amazon!

How do I do this?

1. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0434543> before you checkout and Amazon will donate .5% of your purchases.
2. **Or** Go to smile.amazon.com before you begin shopping and search for Montana Congress of Parents Teachers - Washington MS PTA and then select.
3. You only need to do this once and all future purchases will support WMS PTA.

Thank you to Recycling Works for the \$1000 donation to our WMS PTA! We appreciate all of our families who voted for us!

Thank you!

Your WMS PTA Volunteers

Learn more about what the PTA does for your child and our WMS community [here!](#)

Please join us on Facebook [here](#). We are new to FB and would love to grow our online family.

Next WMS PTA Meeting is

Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 pm.

Enter the building on Central Ave.

We will meet in the library!





Doodles for Google

Art students will be completing "[Doodles for Google](#)" in December and January. Please watch for their Doodles to come home for a signature for submission to the Doodle for Google Art Contest. If your child does not have Art during this time, but is interested in submitting a drawing, go to: <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/> for details!! Students have the ability to win a \$30,000 college scholarship, and a \$50,000 technology package for their school. This is always an exciting project for the students to complete. Thanks for your help and support getting these drawings signed and sent back ASAP! Questions, please contact me at aschowengerdt@mcpsmt.org.

Mrs. Schowengerdt

About the Contest:

Students can work with any materials they want, but all doodles must be entered using the entry form. Parents and teachers can mail us the completed entry form or submit it online as a .png, or .jpg. The contest is open for entries until March 5th, 2021 8:00pm Pacific Time (PT), so here's some information to help you get started:

1. Download or print the [entry form](#).
2. Doodle: Artists create their Doodles using any materials they want. From crayons to clay to found objects.
3. Write:
 - A. Artist's statement - Tell us about what you have drawn and how it represents your inner strength.
 - B. Fill out the rest of the required information and have a parent or guardian sign the entry form.
4. Submit:
 - A. [Enter the contest](#) online (recommended) or by mail (see step 3 on the [entry form](#) for details).
 - B. Entry form doodles: If the doodle is created directly on our entry form, you can either upload them to our site as a .jpg or .png (visit the enter tab) or mail them in (address listed on the enter tab).
 - C. Other doodles: If the doodle wasn't created directly on our entry form, take a high-res digital photo or scan of the doodle in good lighting and combine it with the entry form.



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